

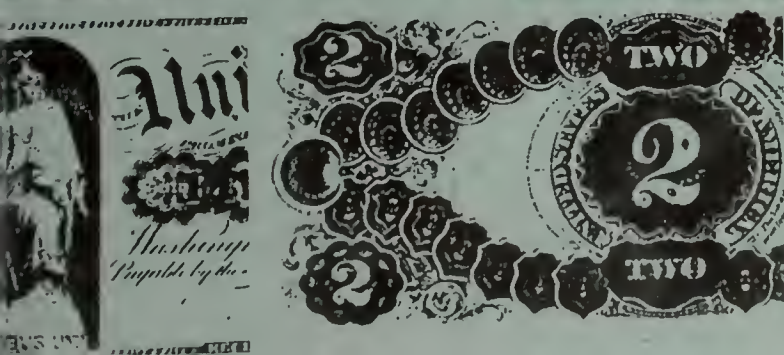
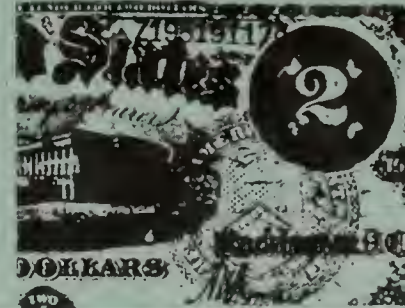
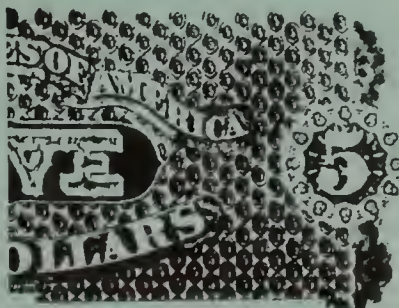
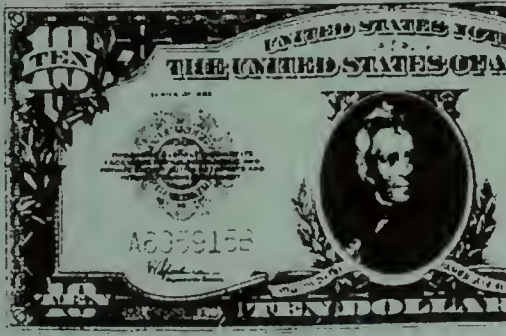
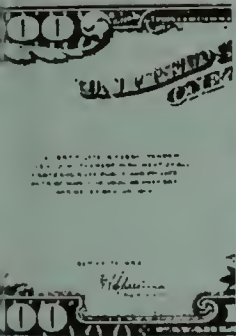
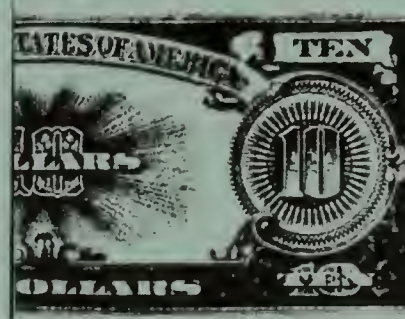
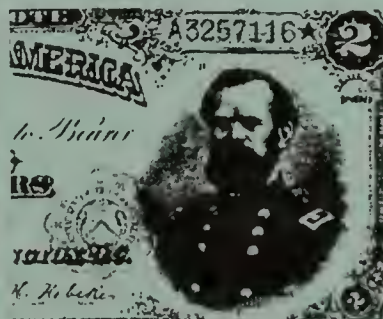
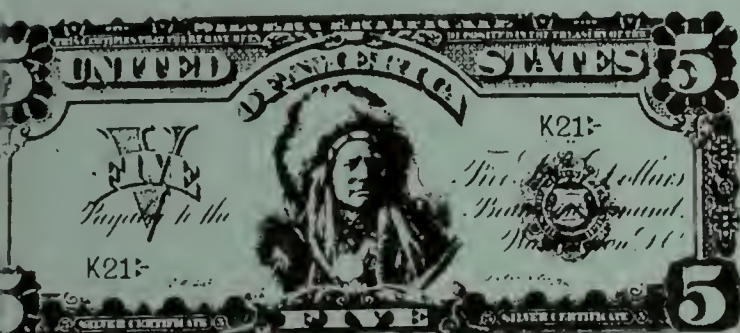


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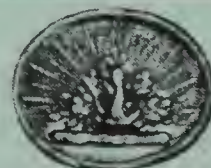
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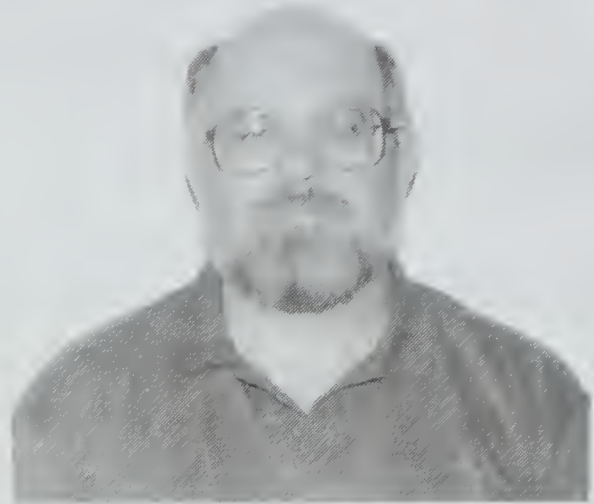
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# PRESIDENT'S OPINION

I am writing this just prior to the big 100th Anniversary ANA Convention in Chicago. For everyone who is able to attend you should have a great time.

Summer has been a rather slow time for me numismatically as I'm sure for many of you. A lack of local coin shows limits my exposure to adding to my collection and even the mail catalogs I receive from dealers declines during the summer months. Its a good time to catch up on odd jobs and enjoy the family.



The UPS just delivered two new books on U.S. large cents by Bill Noyes. United States Large Cents 1793-1814, and United States Large Cents 1816-1839 were both just published by Litho Technical Services. Both books contain photographs of all known varieties of the Sheldon and Newcomb numbering systems, with the photos usually being of the best known pieces. I'll let the professionals review the books and offer their opinions but the thing I like the best is having a picture of the variety in front of me when trying to attribute a coin. Unless you have a lot of large cents passing through your hands it is sometimes extremely hard to attribute some varieties.

Recent articles in the numismatic press indicate that they are going to start slabbing Colonial coinage. Where will it ever end. The only parties to benefit from slabbing are those doing the slabbing and the investors (not numismatists) who are buying the merchandise. I've noticed that some large cent dealers are selling previously slabbed pieces regraded several grades lower than the grades assigned when slabbed. If large cents cause a problem in grading, Colonial coinage will be impossible.

Elsewhere in this issue is the call for nominations for officers and Board members of NOW whose terms are ending. In our last election over 50 percent of our members voted, now its time for you to exccercise your rights to nominate the candidates of your choice. I know Ron Calkins is looking forward to hearing from YOU with your list of candidates.

I hope to be meeting with some of the members of the South Shore Coin Club to discuss our upcoming show, which they are hosting in Milwaukee, at Krause Publications open house on August 19th.

Numismatically yours,

Mike



# SHOW CALENDAR

Show Chairmen are invited to send announcements of upcoming coin shows in the Wisconsin Area. The Show Calendar is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their show attendance. It is also designed to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts. Show dates will be listed up to 12 months in advances and show sponsors are encouraged to submit dates for future shows. Please include the city where the show will be held, official name of the show, show dates, times and location, as well as the name, address and phone number of the show or bourse chairman. Send to: Randy Miller, P.O. Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

## ROCKFORD, IL - SEPTEMBER 22, 1991

Rockford Coin Club. Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 3909 11th street, Rockford, IL Hwy. 251, South. Ralph Winquest, 1004 C Street, Rockford, IL 61107.

## MILWAUKEE, WI - SEPTEMBER 27-28-29, 1991

Milwaukee Numismatic Society. MECCA Convention Center, 4th & Kilbourn Sts. Bob Rehfeld, 3236 N. 104th Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53222. (1-414-541-7028).

## ELROY, WI - OCTOBER 13, 1991

Tomah Coin Club's Fall show. American Legion Club, Elroy, WI 53929. William E. Rebe, Rt 4, Box 142, Tomah, WI 54660. Sunday 9-4.

## OCONOMOWOC, WI - OCTOBER 13, 1991

Cooney Coin Club. Oconomowoc Community Center, 324 W. Wisconsin Avenue. Len Schact, 731 Browning Circle, Oconomowoc, WI 53066. Sunday 8-5.

## GREEN BAY, WI - OCTOBER 20, 1991

Nicolet Coin Club's 32nd Annual Fall Show. Midway Motor Lodge, 780 Packer Drive. Roger A. Bohn, 1345 Ponderosa Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313. 9-5.

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## RACINE, WI - MARCH 1, 1992

Racine Numismatic Society. Sheraton Inn and Convention Center, 7111 Washington Avenue. Highway 20 - exit East off of I-94. Jerry Binsfeld, P.O. Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.

## KENOSHA, WI - MARCH 8, 1992

Kenosha Coin Club & Collectors Card Show. Holiday Inn, 5125 6th Avenue, Kenosha, WI. Jerry Binsfeld, P.O. Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158. Sunday 9:30-4.

# NOW Auction

## Prices Realized

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The material in this auction was donated to NOW by the Oshkosh Coin Club with all proceeds going to NOW.

### Oshkosh Civil War Tokens

Lot #	Item	Condition	Fuid #	Merchant	Rarity	Paid
01	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG-F	620 C-1A	Fraker Bro's.	R3	\$6.00
02	Oshkosh Civil War Token	AU	620 C-1A	Fraker Bro's.	R3	\$8.80
03	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG-F	620 D-3A	Andrew Haben	R6	\$6.60
04	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG	620 F-1A	Hay & Clark	R5	\$3.00
05	Oshkosh Civil War Token	F-VF	620 G-1A	Jaenicke & Klotzke	R4	\$7.00
06	Oshkosh Civil War Token	Gd+	620 H-1A	Kellog & Hughs	R3	\$5.00
07	Oshkosh Civil War Token	Gd	620 I-5A	Levy & Duncan	R6	\$5.00
08	Oshkosh Civil War Token	AU	620 L-1A	S.B. & J.A. Paige	R8	\$17.60
09	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG	620 L-1A	S.B. & J.A. Paige	R8	\$7.00
10	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG	620 L-3A	S.B. & J.A. Paige	R5	\$3.00
11	Oshkosh Civil War Token	F-VF	620 M-3A	H. Rans	R5	\$4.00
12	Oshkosh Civil War Token	F+	620 P-2A	Wm. L. Williams	R6	\$8.00

### Coins

13	1961 U.S. Proof set	\$8.00	28	1975 U.S. Proof set	\$8.00
14	1961 U.S. Proof set	\$8.80	29	1976 U.S. Proof set	\$7.50
15	1962 U.S. Proof set	\$8.00	30	1977 U.S. Proof set	\$8.50
16	1962 U.S. Proof set	\$8.80	31	1971 U.S. Ike Dollar, Proof	\$3.00
17	1963 U.S. Proof set	\$7.00	32	1971 U.S. Ike Dollar, Proof	\$3.00
18	1963 U.S. Proof set	\$7.80	33	1971 U.S. Ike Dollar, unc.	\$1.75
19	1964 U.S. Proof set	\$8.00	34	1971 U.S. Ike Dollar, unc.	\$1.75
20	1964 U.S. Proof set	\$8.80	35	U.S. Centenial silver set	\$4.00
21	1968 U.S. Proof set	\$6.00	36	U.S. Centenial silver set	\$4.00
22	1968 U.S. Proof set	\$6.00	37	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	\$3.50
23	1970 U.S. Proof set	\$7.50	38	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	\$3.50
24	1970 U.S. Proof set	\$8.50	39	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	\$7.50
25	1970 U.S. Proof set	\$7.50	40	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	\$3.50
26	1973 U.S. Proof set	\$8.75	41	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	\$7.50
27	1974 U.S. Proof set	\$8.50			

### Coin Cases

42	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$15.00	48	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$15.00
43	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$15.00	49	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$15.00
44	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$15.00	50	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$28.05
45	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$15.00	51	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$28.05
46	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$15.00	52	Coin Case-Aluminum	\$28.60
47	Coin Case-ANA Type	\$15.00	53	Coin Case-Aluminum	\$28.60



### A Day in Iola

If you attended the August 19th "Day in Iola," I'm sure you will agree that a good time was had by all.

Krause Publications graciously hosted over 390 guests, starting at 9:00 with an Iola historical filmstrip and then a tour of their facilities. We enjoyed saying hello to several friends on staff and especially enjoyed talking with their DeskTop Publishing staff and returned after our tour to chat a little longer. (Yes, they have some Macintosh computers too!)

Lunch was served at the Thorson House starting at 11:00 and then the many guests had several afternoon activities to participate in -- fishing, golf, some enjoyed a ride through the countryside in a vintage car, and several busloads of guests took a relaxing 1-1/2 hour scenic paddlewheel ride on the Chain of Lakes in Waupaca.

The day gave us an opportunity to visit with many old friends... almost 30 years

had passed since we've seen Ed Rochette, who is now ANA President. Ken and Annette Bressett were there from Colorado, Nancy Gaby and her family from Madison, Sheila and Jim Medd from Tennessee, Gene & Irene Johnson, Tom & Alice Fruit, Dick & Bernie Anderson, the Helms, Nancy & John Wilson, Ruth & Pete Phillips, Mike Tramte and his mom, and many, many others.

Snacks and cocktails were served about 5:00 followed by a delicious dinner -- large, hot-off-the-grill steaks, potato, beans, relishes, rolls and cake.

A special, well deserved, ANA Board Award was presented to Chet Krause, Cliff Mishler and staff for their on-going support of ANA.

As the day came to a close, we were presented with a special coffee cup in honor of the occasion.

Thank you, Krause Publications, for a wonderful day in Iola!!!



**We apologize** to author, Gene Johnson, WNW, for switching pages in his article "*Full Circle, Wisconsin Civil War Tokens*". Because of the historical significance to Wisconsin token collectors, this excellent article is being rerun correctly.

**Great News** -- the Oshkosh auction material netted NOW over \$500. The prices realized are found elsewhere in this issue.

**Please note** the call for Nominations for NOW officers found elsewhere.



## NEW WISCONSIN ENCASED COIN CATALOG

Jerry Binsfeld, President of Kenosha Coin Club, Vice-President/Editor of the Racine Numismatic Society and current NOW Board member is currently putting together a comprehensive listing of Wisconsin Encased coins. To date Jerry has over 230 Wisconsin encased coins cataloged.

NOW members are requested to contribute and will be acknowledged. Kindly send a description, horseshoe or round, as well as date and type of coin and all written information. WISCONSIN ENCASED ONLY. The catalog is scheduled for completion in August, 1992.

Binsfeld is a part-time dealer who specializes in the broad field of Exonumia. He stated that his interest in encased coins was rekindled when in 1990, the Racine Numismatic society made an encased for their annual show.

Correspondence should be sent to Jerry Binsfeld, P.O. Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.

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### NUMISMATIC TID-BITS

The United States issued Trade dollars for 1873 to 1885 for use in the Orient. They weighed 420 grains instead of the 412½ grains of the regular silver dollar. Trade dollars were legal tender in the United States for up to \$5.00 until 1876. In 1887, the law authorizing Trade dollars was repealed and the Treasury was authorized to redeem them.

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## Call for NOW Nominations

In accordance with Article 1, Section 1 of the NOW Bylaws, a call for nominations of officers shall be made in the September issue of NOW News. All nominations must be made in writing and by a regular or life member of NOW.

Each and every member should exercise this key franchise of membership, grass roots involvement in our organization means your representatives implement your ideas.

Officers whose terms expire are:

President	Mike Tramte
Vice Pres,	Fred Borgmann
B.O.G.	Jerome Binsfeld
B.O.G.	Pete Phillips
B.O.G.	Dick Anderson
B.O.G.	Tom Fruit

Nominations will close November 1st.  
Please send your nominations to:  
Ron Calkins  
P.O. box 155  
Mazomanie, WI 53560



## ABEL NEFF --- OSHKOSH CIVIL WAR MERCHANT

By Harold Helm - WNWA

Abel Neff, a pioneer citizen of Winnebago County, was a native of New York state, born November 12, 1803. His parents were Joseph and Miriam (Walcott) Neff. His mother came from the Walcott family, of whom one was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Abel Neff was married December 13, 1827 to Philena Stork, also of New York. They has six children: Mary A., Paulina, Eliza, William A., Joseph B., and Emeranda.

In 1837, Mr. Neff came to Wisconsin Territory and purchased some government lads in what is now Walworth County. He located on White River, at a point which was afterward the Mormon Village of Voree. He remained there until 1847, when he moved to Winnebago County. He purchased and undivided interest in the lands which later became the third and sixth wards of Oshkosh.

In 1849, he built the first bridge across the Fox River in Oshkosh. This was a floating bridge that was completed July 3, 1849. In 1855, he built the steamer "Oshkosh City", for the lake trade, which was the largest boat plying the waters at that time. He went into partnership with John Fitzgerald and Alonzo Leach, and they operated eight different steamers and a tugboat. Three of his brothers, Edwin, William W., and Samuel also were captains on the boats. Mr. Neff continued building boats until his last two were built in 1871, the steamer "Brooklyn" and "A. Neff".

Before Mr. Neff moved to Wisconsin, he had apprenticed in New York, and learned the trade of a cooper. In 1862, he erected a large frame building, on the corner of Seventh and Kansas Streets (now South Main), and engaged in the hardware business. The business was destroyed by fire in 1866 causing a loss to him of over \$14,000. He immediately built a new brick building on the same site, of which had his hardware business on the lower level and a big dance hall upstairs called "Neff's Hall."

The building has been restored to its original appearance on the outside, and is now called "The Collectors Gallery". As you walk by the building today, you can still see on the side in large letters and numbers across the length of the building on top A. N. 1 8 6 8 the year Abel Neff built it.

The Civil War Token was issued while he operated his business in the first building mentioned, between 1862 and the time of the fire in 1866. The token is of copper and listed as Fuld number 620 K 1a. Abel Neff was one of sixteen merchants that issued Civil War Tokens from Oshkosh.







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NUMISMATISTS OF WISCONSIN  
Editor - Peter & Ruth Phillips  
3329 Wells Avenue  
Madison, WI 53714

Re: Thank you letter for NOW NEWS

Dear Peter and Ruth:

September 1, 1991

On behalf of the Chicago Coin Club, who hosted the American Numismatic Association Centennial Convention in Chicago, IL., between August 13-18, 1991, I would like to thank the Numismatists of Wisconsin for the terrific coverage for this milestone event. Many NOW members participated as Chairmen, Assistant Chairmen, assistants and helpers, as well as exhibitors and dealers at the Centennial Convention. Without all their participation this Centennial Convention would have only been half as successful. With you coverage in the NOW NEWS we were able to set a record attendance for the convention. The committee hopes that all members of NOW had a successful convention.

The local organizing committee also wishes to personally thank ANA Convention Director Ruthann Brettell and Convention Coordinator Virginia Meier for putting in 48 hour days for the past year, for this massive show. All ANA Headquarters Officers and Staff are also to be commended for working many long hours this past year to put on the overall best convention ever. The ANA Board of Governors is also to be thanked for their cooperation and support for the many "special activities, awards & events" that took place during the convention.

I personally want to thank my Committee Chairmen, their assistants and all their helpers, for coming forward and covering all the bases for this fantastic convention. They all made Ruthann, Virginia's and my job much easier. The "Numismatic Professionals" of the Chicago Coin Club are to be commended for hosting this "World's Fair of Money" and will look forward to hosting their 12th ANA, in 1999. I also want to thank the Chicago area coin clubs, along with other Illinois clubs, for coming forward to assist at the convention in several areas. Thanks also to my wife Nancy for helping the committee in many areas and supporting me as General Chairman.

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Thanks to the many bureaus, mints, coin clubs, societies, and organizations locally, regionally, nationally and worldwide for participating in their many different ways. Thanks to all the exhibitors, judges, numismatic theater, educational forum and the world series of numismatics participants. The committee also wishes to express its gratitude to the many contributors of cash or material for the banquet, friendship luncheon cruise and societies that made souvenirs commemorating the ANA Centennial. We also appreciated the help of everyone who assisted, in any capacity, to make the convention so successful. A very special thanks to all the coin dealers who had tables at the convention and we hope you had a great show. Thanks also to the 160 exhibitors for sharing your collections and knowledge with the thousands of visitors. Thanks also to Krause Publications - Numismatic News, Bank Note Reporter & World Coin News, Coin World, COINage and Western Publishing Co. for your many contributions through free publicity, souvenirs, material or cash donations.

A special thanks to Krause Publications for having a post convention tour with their "Day in Iola." Everyone who ventured to Iola, WI on the Monday following the convention had a wonderful time. Thank you Chester Krause for opening up your facility, pocketbook and Thorson house for the over 400 who attended. Thanks also to Clifford Mishler who helped KP become the leading numismatic publication in the world, Roger Case, Al "BO" Smith and the many other employees of KP who attended many of our organizational meetings and helped us with many innovative ideas. Finally, a special thanks to all Numismatists of Wisconsin members who journeyed to Chicago for this "Greatest Coin Show Ever on Earth." We hope your convention was a fantastic one. On behalf of the ANA, the Chicago Coin Club and all its membership, we hope you attend the 101st ANA in Orlando, FL., on August 12-16, 1992. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Numismatics



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## Full Circle WISCONSIN CIVIL WAR TOKENS

By: Gene Johnson (NOW #41), WNWA

The full-page ad in the Spring issue of NOW News, advertising the auction of 540 Wisconsin Civil War Tokens, stirred some pleasant memories concerning the roots and origins of these desirable token collectibles. The auction offering by World Exonumia of Rockford, now called "The Robert C. Kraft Collection," in reference to owner Bob Kraft (NOW #1447) of Madison, Wisconsin, is a fabulous gathering of off-metal, and extremely high-grade Wisconsin civil war merchant tokens, each 1000 times scarcer than the 1909-S VDB cent. Like many rare coin and paper money transactions, the rarer Wisconsin civil tokens have pedigrees, listing previous owners, and where and when obtained.

Surprisingly, the rarity of these Wisconsin storecards has decreased in recent years, an odd scenario of supply and demand, that thru huge increases in price has increased the supply of some tokens 20-fold!

Collecting civil war tokens in 1958 was pretty much like most other token collecting, a low profile, almost embarrassing offshoot of Wisconsin numismatics.

My first exposure to the Wisconsin Civil War merchant token was at the coin shop of Hubert Polzer (past NOW #40) of Milwaukee. After purchasing an uncirculated 1931-S for my Lincoln cent collection, (\$3.10), Polzer told me that since my coin collections were nearly complete, perhaps I should think about a

Wisconsin civil war collection. He proceeded to pull out a bag full of coppers and let me pick out any I wanted for 3/\$1.00. I recall selecting 3 pieces, but cannot recall which merchant/city were represented.



**BELOIT TOKEN, ONE OF THE KEY  
TOKENS IN ANY WISCONSIN SET, A  
ONE MERCHANT TOWN, BELOIT.**

I later discussed my purchase with friend, Chet Krause (NOW #1-L), and much to my surprise, found Chet had a small collection of Wisconsin pieces himself. Chet had obtained some tokens thru Bowers and Ruddy, these being duplicates from the Hetrich-Gutttag collection that was sold to the Fulds. Other pieces came from an A.N.A. auction conducted by Harold Whitekneck. With this unusual bond (at this time), soon afterward, at a hotel in Milwaukee, Chet introduced me to a veteran collector, Jim Hannifan (NOW #1164), who sold or traded Chet a handful of Wisconsin civil war merchant tokens. Jim Hannifan, who now writes stories for NOW News, was in 1958, a man well ahead of his time, already a long-time collector of U.S. and foreign coins, and into tokens earlier than anyone I know in Wisconsin.

The Johnson collection of civil war tokens developed slowly, since most bourse dealers on the Wisconsin scene didn't bother with tokens, and didn't bring along their "Junk Boxes" to the shows. This modest collection received a major boost when Chet Krause sold me his collection, doubling my holdings in one transaction!

The "Bible" of civil war token collecting at the time (1958) was "*Civil War Tokens and Tradesmens Cards*" by Hetrich & Guttag, a very scarce and expensive book that had been published in 1924.

By 1960, with most of my circulated U.S. coin collections complete, Wisconsin civil war and transportation tokens became my primary collecting interest. There were few Wisconsin civil war tokens to be found thru Wisconsin collectors, so the U.S. Mail became a lifeline to fellow civil war tradesmen collectors in other states..



RIPONS GREENWAY HALL COMES IN SEVERAL METALS, AND IS VERY HARD TO FIND IN ANY CONDITION.

The eastern part of the nation was an excellent source of Wisconsin's scarcer tokens. Some of the most difficult town tokens, Beloit, Oconomowoc, Juneau and Ripon, came from New Hampshire and Indiana.

At this time there was very little interest in Civil War tokens within the state, although Tom Fruit of Green Bay (NOW #15) assembled a Green Bay merchant set and had other pieces, as I recall.

In 1962, a new and easily obtainable 96-page booklet, "*A Guide to Civil War Store Card Tokens*" was published by George and Melvin Fuld. The booklet listed only merchants, but was responsible for a much larger interest in state collecting of civil war tokens. The Fuld book listed 45 Wisconsin towns that had a merchant issuing tokens, with a total of 522 varieties (although they were not defined). The Fuld's had earlier purchased the reference tokens of the Hetrich & Guttag collection.

By 1963 the Krause/Johnson Wisconsin civil war token collection had grown to national proportions. George Fuld had mailed the Wisconsin section of HIS master (national) collection to Wisconsin Rapids for cataloging and rarity evaluation. A mimeograph listing was created, and plans were made for a "Large Volume" civil war token book to be published by Whitman Publishing of Racine. George Fuld was to be the editor, with Johnson, Robert Hailey, Virginia Culver and Donald Shamm as co-editors.

In all of this, quietly, but effectively bridging the national to Wisconsin communication gap was the entrepreneur, Chet Krause.

Shortly afterward, George Fuld became seriously ill, and the "Large Volume" was put on hold, only to surface 8 years later.



Active Wisconsin civil war token collectors in the mid-1960s now included Tom Fruit, Jim Medd (NOW #15-L), Ray Leitz (NOW #203) and Doug Watson (NOW #399). Competition for Wisconsin civil war storecards was fierce!

In 1965, with a waning interest in civil war tokens, and again with the urging of Chet Krause, I began cataloging Wisconsin trade tokens, and sold the Krause/Johnson Civil War collection of 287 pieces to Gerald Shepherd (NOW #712) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Shepherd built a beautiful competitive exhibit display using the Merchant storecards, and exhibited often in Wisconsin, frequently competing against Doug Watson, who also had an award-winning exhibit of Wisconsin Civil War storecards. Shepherd actively continued to add to the "Krause/Johnson/Shepherd" collection, often by mail bid and auctions. A classic example was adding the ultra-rare Genesee Station token from the auction list of Christiansen & Stone. Shep called an hour before the auction closed and stayed on the phone protecting his bid until the ladies closed the bids at midnight. **Now that is a token collector!!**

Meanwhile, Doug Watson (NOW #399, who was employed by Chet Krause, published a 51-page booklet in 1968 entitled, *"Illustrated Guide to Wisconsin Civil War Tokens"*. This book would later be the basis of the Wisconsin section of the 1972 Fuld "Large Volume".

The 2 largest Wisconsin civil war token collections in the state (Shepherd being

from Iowa) were now held by Watson and Jim Medd of Green Bay. Doug Watson got his start in Wisconsin civil war merchants when he traded key and semi-key Lincoln cents for duplicate merchant tokens that were part of the Johnson collection. Soon after, Doug obtained many high-condition pieces from an auction in Michigan that featured thousands of civil war storecards. Jim Medd's tokens came from around the state, and some Krause/Johnson duplicates (including the rare Oconomowoc).

Gerald Shepherd (NOW #712) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, continued to exhibit the Krause/Johnson/Shepherd Wisconsin collection in the early 1970s, and add more tokens to this set.

In 1970, Doug Watson purchased the Wisconsin section of the Fuld collection, adding many new tokens to his set and making it the largest and finest Wisconsin collection in existence. In this acquisition, Doug added the complete sets of off-metal pieces from Fond du Lac, and East Troy, and numerous copper-nickel rarities from other Wisconsin cities.

In 1972, the Civil War Token Society, with Watson spearheading the layout work, published the "Large Volume" for George and Melvin Fuld, which still is the standard reference for collecting civil war storecards. It is called *"U.S. Civil War Storecards"*.

In 1976, another Wisconsin civil war token collector came onto the local scene. Rich Hartzog (NOW #33-L), from nearby Rockford, Illinois, had built an excellent collection of Illinois civil war tokens.

Having lived in Wisconsin while he attended school at Platteville, he "liked" Wisconsin civil war storecards. Hartzog heard through the grapevine that the 300+ Krause/Johnson/Shepherd token collection was available for sale in Cedar Rapids, so with a friend, Jon Harris, he traveled to that city to purchase the set. Although some pieces were "pulled" from the set, he sold the majority to dealer, Walter Korsick, (NOW #66-L) for a profit. Interestingly, Kurt Kruger, (NOW #16-L) of Iola, purchased many of these tokens, including the Oconomowoc, to form a collection, but later was forced to sell the uncompleted set.



**WHILE THE OCONOMOWOC TOKEN IS VERY BLAND, IT IS BY FAR THE RAREST WISCONSIN STORECARD.**

Later, in 1976, Hartzog, now more than ever interested in Wisconsin storecards, heard the Fuld/Watson collection was for sale. Hartzog journeyed to Scandinavia, Wisconsin to Doug's home, bought the collection, and soon after bought a 300+ grouping of high-grade Wisconsin tokens that had been part of the Colonel Green holdings.

After integrating the now *Krause/Johnson/Shepherd/Fuld/Watson/Green/Hartzog* collection, Rich sold off the duplicates in a 2-phase auction in 1977, which was the start of the

Hartzog business known as "**World Exonumia**". Hartzog continued to improve the collection, tho making one crucial error, since the Wisconsin collection now was almost completely AU and uncirculated, there was one glaring problem, the Oconomowoc token was only Fine/Very Fine, needing upgrading. It was sold, and Rich was never able to find a better specimen!

In 1986, Hartzog, who like Krause, Johnson, Shepherd and Watson before him, had experienced the joy of the chase, known the pride of possession, and the satisfaction of adding to the "finest" Wisconsin Civil War token collection, sold the collection to NOW Past-President, Bob Kraft, of Madison.

With the enthusiasm born of new challenge, Bob Kraft added to the already huge collection, researched rarities, and loved every minute of his steward ownership.

Now, in August of 1991, once again, "**THE**" Wisconsin civil war storecard collection is being offered for sale, much to the interest of newly-retired Chet Krause of Iola.

Chet, who has one of the best Hard Times token collections in existence, is building a Wisconsin civil war storecard set, using as a base a number of pieces obtained in Kurt Kruger's 1990 mail sale.

So... what goes around, comes around! The 33-year odyssey of the building of this extraordinary set of tokens continues, in the numismatic hotbed called WISCONSIN!



GUERNSEY ISSUES LAST IN SILVER PROOF KING SERIES



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The States of Guernsey Treasury has authorized the British Royal Mint to strike the last of the Two Pound Silver Proof Crowns of the popular "King" series. Issued in chronological order, each coin has featured the Kings of England who were directly descended from William the Conqueror. An extremely low mintage limit of only 2,500 proofs has been approved for the 1991 dated coin.

The Bailiwick of Guernsey is situated in the English Channel only a few miles from the French coast and together with the Bailiwick of Jersey forms the Channel Islands group. Henry II (1133-1189) was the eldest child of Matilda, daughter of Henry I and of Geoffrey Plantaganet (Geoffrey of Anjou). He succeeded Stephen as king in 1154. In addition to Normandy and the Channel Islands, Henry also inherited Anjou and many other areas of France. His marriage to Eleanor of Aquitaine and his conquest of the northern counties, brought him a kingdom that extended from the remote Scottish borders to the French Pyrenees, an empire greater than any English king before him.

The reverse design of the 1991 Commemorative is modeled by Royal Mint engraver Robert Elderton and depicts the uncouped portrait of Henry II. The obverse design, common to all Guernsey's circulating coinage carries the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Raphael Maklouf. Each crown is offered in its own attractive presentation case and accompanied by a signed Certificate of Authenticity.

MINT SCORES WITH NEW HOCKEY COIN



"He shoots, he scores!" Those stirring words reflect Canada's national passion for hockey. On September 5th, the Royal Canadian Mint paid tribute to the game by issuing a new gold collector coin with the theme "Hockey - A National Passion."

The coin features a lively portrayal of children playing on a pond, a scene replayed innumerable times throughout the Canadian winter. The design by Ontario artist, Stewart Sherwood, was selected by the Mint from among many competing submissions because it best captured the essence of childhood joy and love for the game.

The obverse features the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II designed by Dora de Pedery-HUNT in 1990.

The 22-karat gold coin has a face value of \$200 and sells for \$395 CAN (\$350 US). It is the second in an annual series of gold coins celebrating Canada's youth. Only 25,000 will be minted for sale worldwide, a mintage which is among the lowest for any commemorative gold coin ever issued by the Mint.

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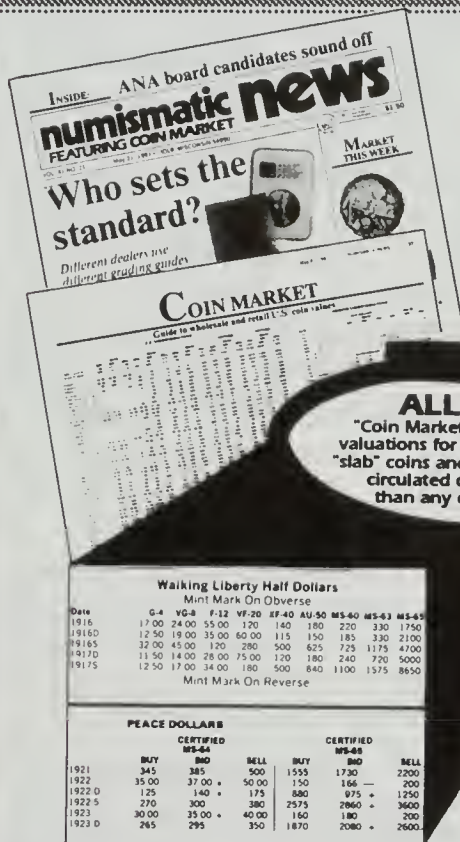
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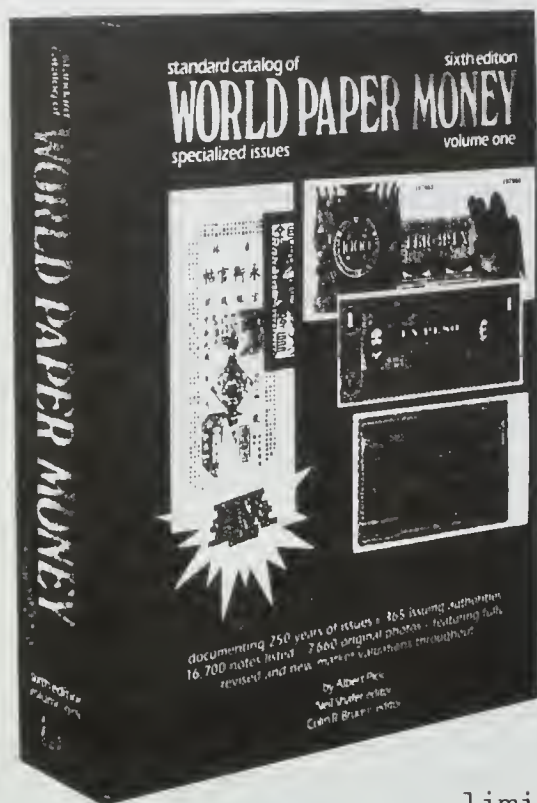
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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PHILADELPHIA MINT

The U.S. Mint was established by an Act of Congress on April 2, 1792. The law stipulated that it should be situated "at the seat of Government of the United States..." Philadelphia was then the capital of the nation, so it was there that President George Washington authorized the construction of the first mint.

The original building was the first structure erected by the Government of the United States. It was located on the east side of Seventh Street below Arch Street, and the 3-story main office section and minting workshop in the rear produced all of the nation's coinage for nearly 40 years.

By an Act of Congress on March 19, 1828, the Mint was directed to remain permanently in Philadelphia, and the cornerstone for a larger building was laid on July 4, 1829. This marble edifice, modeled in the Grecian style, stood off Penn Square on the northwest corner of Chestnut and Juniper Streets and housed the Mint for the next 70 years.

The third home for the Mint in Philadelphia occupied the entire block on Spring Garden Street, between 16th and 17th Streets. Described by one observer as "...at once a palace of the order appropriate to a structure of the Government, a treasure house, and a workshop and factory of the highest class," the structure featured such manufacturing improvements as the use of gas and electricity, improved rolling machinery, and a complete shop for on-the-spot repairs. The showplace lobby contained 7 mosaic panels of Tiffany favrile glass, set above gleaming white marble wainscoting.

The "Grand Old Lady of Spring Garden Street" served the nation for over 65 years, until demand for coinage surpassed its capacity. The building is now occupied by the Community College of Philadelphia.

The 4th and current Mint structure was officially opened on August 14, 1969. Almost three times the size of the Spring Garden Street plant, the new building covers over 5 acres of ground and features a pink granite facade and bronze-tinted glass. The main entrance plaza and lobby overlook the site of the first Mint building. The current Mint is located on Fifth and Arch Streets, near both the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.

The current Philadelphia Mint houses the unique Engraving Division, which is responsible for preparing models for all the coinage and medals of the United States. All dies used by the Mint's facilities nationwide are made in the Die Manufacturing Division of the Philadelphia Mint.

FROM THE UNITED STATES MINT

## THE HISTORY OF THE SOUTH SHORE COIN CLUB!

By Walter F. Weis

In the beginning...1963...two friends, who were both interested in coin collecting, thought it would be a good idea to start a club. So Douglas Van Beek and Walter Weis approached some coin collectors at St. Romans Catholic Church.

The first meeting of the newly formed club was held in the ushers room at St. Romans. Instead of elections, the board was made up of volunteers. Gene Heinrichs was the first President: Jerome Horzewski, Vice-President: Stan Filipowicz, Secretary: Ned Guss, Treasurer: Douglas Van Beek the Librarian: Joe Hordyk, Sergeant-at-arms and Walter Weis, was the only regular club member. They decided that meetings would be held the 2nd Sunday of every month.

At the second meeting, more members had been recruited and they the decision was made that anyone joining in the first 6 months would be considered Charter Members. At that time we had 31 members....Today we are at 65 members.

The Current officers for 1991 are:  
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President: Clyde Brinkman Sr.,  
Secretary: Annette Tramte,  
Treasurer: James Jach, Sergeant-  
at-arms: Walter Weis, Librarian is  
again Douglas Van Beek.

From the desk of FRED J. BORGMANN

As a kid in Milwaukee I really enjoyed going to the South Shore Shows at St. Romans on the South side. First couple of years my Dad would drive me there but I was the only collector in the family and as soon as I could drive my folks were "free" on those Sunday Afternoons.

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## AMERICAN EAGLE SILVER DOLLAR

The popular American Eagle Silver Dollar has consumed 43.1 million ounces of Stockpile silver since it was introduced in November of 1986. Eagles are the most popular silver coin in the world. 1991 sales through the end of August totaled 5.1 million ounces, which is 20% higher than at this time last year. U.S. Mint commemorative coins issued between 1986 and 1991 have consumed an additional 12.3 million ounces. Silver coin programs help to create value added silver products and support private sector jobs in the refining and fabricating industries. Silver coinage blanks are manufactured in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Idaho, and South Dakota. Silver coins are struck at U.S. Mints in California, Colorado, Pennsylvania and New York.

From: The Silver Institute - 9/5/91



## CANADIAN QUARTERS

Earlier this year, the Honorable Paul Dick, Minister of Supply and Services and Minister responsible for the Royal Canadian Mint, announced an open competition to select special designs for coins to mark the 125th Anniversary of Canada as we know it today. The Mint will issue 12 commemorative 25 cent coins, one each for the 10 Provinces and 2 Territories along with a commemorative one dollar coin.

The commemorative 25 cent will show a well-known landscape or man made landmarks for each Province and Territory. Art styles must be traditional, not of modern design. The special coins will be unveiled at an event in the capital city of the Province or Territory depicted on the coin.

The Mint will issue a different 25 cent coin each month, however in July, there will be two coins issued, the second being the one dollar coin to commemorate Canada as a nation and will be launched during Canada Day celebration on Parliament Hill.

The selection will be made by a prestigious panel of Canadians. The Mint will then recommend the final selection to the Government for approval. The winning artist's will receive \$5,000 and their initials will appear on the coin. In a special drawing to determine how the 25 cent coins are to be issued was conducted by the Secretary of

State, the Honorable Gerry Weiner and two Ottawa area art students, Anne-Marie and Marco Deyasi. The release dates are: January, New Brunswick; February, Northwest Territories; March, Newfoundland; April, Manitoba; May, Yukon Territory; June, Alberta; July, Prince Edward Island; August, Ontario; September, Nova Scotia; October, Quebec; November, Saskatchewan; December, British Columbia.

It is possible each of these 25 cent coins might be offered in business strikes, silver sets and in Prooflike or Proof sets, but no firm decision has been made at this time.

The Bank of Canada has no plans to issue a special note for this event as they did in 1967.

## NEWS RELEASE

The Waukesha Coin Club commissioned an elongated cent to commemorate their 22nd annual coin show.

The elongated cent design is taken from the Waukesha City Seal and features an Indian Maiden drinking from a spring. Two hundred, of the approximately 600 cents made, were taken to Kokchetav, USSR and given away as friendship tokens by representatives of Waukesha during a "Sister City" visit this year.

Interested collectors can purchase these elongated cents by sending a SASE and \$1.00 for 2 of the cents to: Waukesha Coin Club, 1912 Laura Lane, Waukesha, WI 53186.

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